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Dear Massachusetts Veteran,

We are pleased to tell you about a special event to provide assistance to all veterans transitioning to civilian work, the STEP (Short Term Education Programs) Career Education Information Fair, sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development and the Department of Veterans' Services.

STEP Career Education Information Fair

Thursday November 9th, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Best Western Hotel in Marlborough, MA. See below for directions.

Free event and parking. Open to the public, advance registration advised.

This half-day event will provide veterans with a wealth of resources and information on how to further their career or assist them in starting a new one. STEP focuses on education for workers who want to train for new careers in a year or less. Here are a few of the highlights of the STEP event:

- **Showcase of over 70 STEP Providers:** Get information about exciting new career fields with immediate employment opportunities that can be completed in fewer than 12 months.
- **Financial Assistance Information Sessions:** Learn more about loans and grants from government agencies and programs that may help defray or pay for the cost of education.
- **Special workshops** will be held in the morning and afternoon on state and local Veterans' educational benefits: Find out about benefits that you may be eligible for, that you're not aware of.
- **Personal Consultation with Veterans' Program Representatives:** Talk to representatives from the Commonwealth's One-Stop Career Centers who can answer questions and help you plan your next career or educational move.

November 2006 has been proclaimed Hire-a-Veteran Month by Governor Romney, as we salute veterans and their families for their bravery and sacrifices in protecting our freedom. If you're looking for new employment or educational opportunities, we encourage you to attend this event.

To register online or learn more about this or other events, please visit www.mass.gov/dwd, or call your Veterans Representative at a local One Stop Career Center from the enclosed list.

Sincerely,

Jane C. Edmonds, Director,
Department of Workforce Development

Thomas G. Kelley, Secretary,
Department of Veterans' Services

Directions to Best Western, 181 Boston Post Road W, Marlborough

From Boston: Take Massachusetts Pike West (Route 90), then take Exit 11A and go to Route 495 North. Then take Exit 24B onto Route 20 West. The Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center entrance is located 1 mile west on the right hand side.

From Springfield & Western Massachusetts: Take the Massachusetts Pike East (Route 90) to Exit 11A. Then take Route 495 North to Exit 24B and onto Route 20 West. The Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center entrance is located 1 mile west on the right hand side.